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Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicant encloses herewith a copy of Form PTO-1449 listing patent documents relevant to the background of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a copy of the listed document and a copy of the International Search Report in the counterpart international application PCT/US01/23404.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed reference in determining the patentability of the claimed invention. Applicant also requests that the Examiner return a copy of enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other marks indicating that the reference has been so considered.

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